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Amendments to Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to Fig. 3. This sheet, which includes Fig. 3, replaces the current sheet including Fig. 3. In Fig. 3, wall 40 and opening 50 have been included.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1 - 2 and 4 - 17 are currently pending in this application. Claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 - 2, 4 - 5, 8 - 15 and 17 have been amended. In the specification, paragraphs [0036] and [0038] have been amended. The Abstract has been amended to address the Examiner's objections. In the drawings, Figure 3 has been amended to show a wall 40 and opening 50. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 3 - 4, 9 - 10, 13 - 14 and 16 - 17 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 3. Allowable claims 9, 13, and 16 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 1.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the Abstract as too long and for an implied phrase. The new Abstract obviates the objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is respectfully requested.

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In addition, the Examiner objected to the Amendment filed January 16, 2007 under 35 U.S.C. §132(a) for new matter. The amendment to paragraph [0036] clarifies the language of the previous amendment and introduces no new matter.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings because of formalities. The replacement sheet including Figure 3, which has been revised to show the wall 40 and the opening 50, is submitted herewith. The amendment to Figure 3 is supported by the specification at paragraph [0038], where element numbers 40 and 50 have been added. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 1 – 17 because of informalities. The amendment to the claims obviates the objection. Withdrawal of the objection to the claims 1 – 17 is respectfully requested.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

Claims 5, 7 - 8, 11 - 12 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The amendment to those claims obviates the rejections under § 112. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §112 rejection of claims 5, 7 - 8, 11 - 12 and 17 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

Claims 1 - 2, 6 - 8, 11 - 12 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Bartholoma et al. (US 2002/0006309 A1). Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 3. Allowable claims 9, 13, and 16 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 1.

Claims 2, 6 - 8 , 11, 12, and 15 depend directly or indirectly from claims 1 and 9, respectively and therefore are also patentable. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §102 rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this

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application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1 - 2 and 4 - 17, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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